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For: **RECORDING APPARATUS AND  
RECORDING METHOD OF ELECTRONIC  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003 (Paper No. 3), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.**

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